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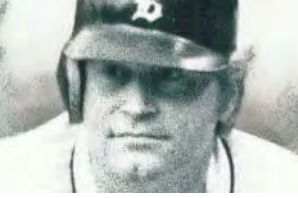
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Trainers knew Nassar issues

Athletes told them of abuse, ask why they’re still on job

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Two Michigan State University employees who allegedly were aware of complaints years ago against Larry Nassar are still on the job, raising continuing questions about the university’s response to abuses by the former Olympic doctor that go back decades.

The two athletic trainers were informed nearly 20 years ago of incidents in which Nassar made athletes uncomfortable during appointments, according to two former athletes. It’s unclear what the trainers did with the information, but Nassar wasn’t stopped. One of the trainers, Destiny Teachnor-Hauk, is named as a defendant in a federal lawsuit, which claims she and others at MSU “knew or should have known of Nassar’s abuse yet failed to take corrective action.” An MSU spokeswoman told the Free Press in mid-March the trainers have never been

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suspended and are still working. Employees who were informed about abuse and failed to act should be fired, said John Manly, an attorney who represents dozens of women suing the university and its officials. “If they reported, hundreds of girls would have been spared,” he said. “They obviously didn’t.” The trainers are among several MSU officials whose texts and e-mails were requested by the Michigan Attorney General’s Office for

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TIGERS VS PIRATES 1:10 P.M., COMERICA PARK

Opening Day, take 2

Did Tigers make the right call on the rainout?



Opening Day at Comerica Park, where the Detroit Tigers were to play the Pittsburgh Pirates on Thursday, was postponed by daylong rain until Friday. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

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On Wednesday evening, WDIV-TV chief meteorologist Ben Bailey suggested the Detroit Tigers postpone Opening Day the night before, given the drenching forecast for Thursday.

Maybe the Tigers should have listened to him. The Tigers did call off Opening Day about 9 a.m. Thursday, about four hours before the scheduled first pitch of the 2018 season at Comerica Park. But that wasn’t early enough to prevent crowds from paying \$50 or more at downtown parking lots and otherwise flooding in

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U-M makes changes to investment panel rules

In wake of Free Press report, it aims to prevent conflicts

Matthew Dolan and David Jesse
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The University of Michigan is changing how it deals with potential conflicts of interest among members of its investment advisory committee, the school’s Board of Regents announced Thursday. The school is requiring members of the committee — which advise the university’s investment office on the management of its nearly \$11-billion endowment — to annually submit written declaration of any possible conflicts of interest. In addition, the school will disband an endowment fund designed to help cover the salaries of the chief endowment officer and his staff and send the funds to a need-based scholarship. The move comes about two months after the Detroit Free Press published an investigation into practices of the endowment. The regents stopped short of preventing IAC members from getting university investments, an issue that raised sharp criticism from industry experts during the Free Press investigation. “The conflict is so obvious,” Timothy Keating, head of a Colorado-based investment firm who has authored reports on endowment performance, said when interviewed for the original report. “There should be an explicit rule that says if you are on the committee, you can’t get investments.” Executives at some of the nation’s top investment firms donated hundreds of millions

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